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Mayor Frank G. Jackson Issues Statement Regarding Court Ruling Upholding Fannie Lewis Law

CLEVELAND – Mayor Frank G. Jackson today issued a statement regarding the 8th District Court of Appeals ruling upholding the Fannie Lewis Law:

“I want to thank the 8th District Court of Appeals for upholding the trial court’s decision to overturn HB 180,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson. “For 12 years the City of Cleveland has used the Cleveland Resident Employment Law (Fannie Lewis Law) as an effective tool to both stimulate the local economy and connect Clevelanders to employment. The decision by the trial court was right and I am pleased it is reaffirmed in today’s ruling.”

View the ruling here: <http://bit.ly/2iC7UPS>

About the Fannie Lewis Residential Employment Law

The Fannie M. Lewis Resident Employment Law – named after legendary City Councilwoman Fannie M. Lewis – more specifically states that for public construction projects within the city, 20 percent of the work hours performed on a given contract must be reserved for City of Cleveland residents, and 4 percent of that 20 percent must be reserved for low-income Cleveland residents.

The law further states, “The percentage levels ... are intended as minimum requirements for use of Residents under Construction Contracts and shall not be construed as limiting or deferring the full use of Residents beyond this numerical level.”

The city’s Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) monitors compliance with Chapter 188 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland.

About the City of Cleveland

The City of Cleveland is committed to improving the quality of life of its residents by strengthening neighborhoods, delivering superior services, embracing diversity and making Cleveland a desirable, safe city in which to live, work, play and do business. For more information on the City of Cleveland, visit online at www.city.cleveland.oh.us, Twitter at @cityofcleveland or Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofcleveland.